CHARACTERISTICS of CLINTONIANS

Tribute to their memory

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Mr. President; Friends of Old Clinton; Ladies and Gentlemen:- Forty five years have gone by since I went out from the old homestead in Clinton. During those years I have been but an infrequent visitor here, but coming once again to these scenes of my boyhood days, is a sad, sweet visitation. The flood gates of memory are open wide and the tide of recollection is rushing through. Of the many homes in this community, but two or three are now occupied by the families I knew in the long ago. These comfortable houses and beautiful farms are always associated in my mind with the pioneers and their children - The Gaylords, the Pecks, the Nortons, the Grennells, the Norths, the Griswolds, the Wests, the McMullens, the Ledyards and numbers of others. Strangers may now occupy them, but as I now